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Press Release

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**Anchorage Superior Court
Sitka Superior Court
Anchorage District Court**

Seven attorneys have applied to the Alaska Judicial Council for a position on the Anchorage Superior Court, six attorneys have applied for a position on the Sitka Superior Court, and thirteen attorneys have applied for a position on the Anchorage District Court.

Applicants for the judgeships will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney and three attorney members). Comprehensive background investigations, a survey of Alaska Bar members, and personal interviews with the applicants are all part of the evaluations, according to the Council's executive director, Susanne DiPietro. Interviews with applicants and a public hearing will be held in January. The Council will select two or more nominees for each position to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make an appointment from the Council's lists.

Applicants for the Anchorage Superior Court are:

John C. Cagle: Mr. Cagle has been an Alaska resident for 7 years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

Gregory Fisher: Mr. Fisher has been an Alaska resident for 23 years, and has practiced law for 26 years. He graduated from the University of Washington, School of Law in 1991, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Una Sonia Gandbhir: Magistrate Judge Gandbhir has been an Alaska resident for 24 years, and has practiced law for 23 years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1993, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Josie Garton: Ms. Garton has been an Alaska resident for 17 years, and has practiced law for 17 years. She graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2000, and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

Thomas A. Matthews: Mr. Matthews has been an Alaska resident for 32 years, and has practiced law for 32 years. He graduated from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College of Law in 1985, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Douglas C. Perkins: Mr. Perkins has been an Alaska resident for 41 years, and has practiced law for 31½ years. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Andrew Peterson: Mr. Peterson has been an Alaska resident for 26½ years, and has practiced law for 16 years. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2001, and is currently an assistant attorney general in the Office of Special Prosecutions, Dept. of Law in Anchorage.

Applicants for the Sitka Superior Court are:

Gregory Fisher: Mr. Fisher has been an Alaska resident for 23 years, and has practiced law for 26 years. He graduated from the University of Washington, School of Law in 1991, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Lance Joanis: Mr. Joanis has been an Alaska resident for 13½ years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 2004, and is currently an assistant attorney general in Kenai.

Margaret McWilliams: Ms. McWilliams has been an Alaska resident for 10 years, and has practiced law for 17 years. She graduated from Harvard Law School in 1999, and is currently an assistant public advocate at the office of Public Advocacy in Juneau.

Jude Pate: Mr. Pate has been an Alaska resident for 24 years, and has practiced law for 23 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law in 1993, and is currently an assistant public defender in Sitka.

David L. Roghair: Magistrate Judge Roghair has been an Alaska resident for 22 years, and has practiced law for 11 years. He graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2006, and is currently a magistrate judge in Barrow.

Julie Willoughby: Ms. Willoughby has been an Alaska resident for 32 years, and has practiced law for 19 years. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Juneau.

Applicants for the Anchorage District Court are:

John C. Cagle: Mr. Cagle has been an Alaska resident for 7 years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2003, and is currently an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

Samantha Cherot: Ms. Cherot has been an Alaska resident for 30 ½ years, and has practiced law for 10 years. She graduated from California Western School of Law in 2007, and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

Craig S. Condie: Magistrate Judge Condie has been an Alaska resident for 13 years, and has practiced law for 13 years. He graduated from the University of Utah, School of Law in 2004, and is currently a magistrate judge in Palmer.

Monica Elkinton: Ms. Elkinton has been an Alaska resident for 11 years, and has practiced law for 11 years. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2006, and is currently an assistant municipal attorney in Anchorage.

Josie Garton: Ms. Garton has been an Alaska resident for 17 years, and has practiced law for 17 years. She graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 2000, and is currently an assistant public defender in Anchorage.

Serena Green: Ms. Green has been an Alaska resident for 30 years, and has practiced law for 12 years. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2005, and is currently Associate General Counsel for IBEW Local 1547 in Anchorage.

Michael B. Logue: Mr. Logue has been an Alaska resident for 29½ years, and has practiced law for 31 years. He graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 1986, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Zach Manzella: Mr. Manzella has been an Alaska resident for 17 years, and has practiced law for 14½ years. He graduated from The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

David A. Nesbett: Mr. Nesbett has been an Alaska resident for 45½ years, and has practiced law for 19 years. He graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1998, and is currently in private practice in Anchorage.

Andrew Peterson: Mr. Peterson has been an Alaska resident for 26½ years, and has practiced law for 16 years. He graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2001, and is currently an assistant attorney general in the Office of Special Prosecutions, Dept. of Law in Anchorage.

Peter R. Ramgren: Magistrate Judge Ramgren has been an Alaska resident for 15½ years, and has practiced law for 20 years. He graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 1997, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Tina Teaford: Magistrate Judge Teaford has been an Alaska resident for 16½ years, and has practiced law for 15 years. She graduated from the University of Oregon, School of Law in 2001, and is currently a magistrate judge in Anchorage.

Daniel Wilkerson: Mr. Wilkerson has been an Alaska resident for 25 years, and has practiced law for 25 years. He graduated from the University of California at Davis School of Law in 1990, and is currently an assistant attorney general in Anchorage.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE APPLICANTS IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE EVALUATION PHASE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK. TO COMMENT, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSANNE DIPIETRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL, 510 L STREET, SUITE 450, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1295, (907) 279-2526.

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